SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 293

In Memory of Patrick Michael Bergman

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Patrick Michael Bergman, who died March 5, 2021, at the age of 37; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Bergman was an exemplary citizen and a dedicated firefighter who was widely respected and admired in his community for his exceptional achievements and his tireless commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, Patrick was born on December 31, 1983, in Austin, and throughout his childhood, he dreamed of becoming a firefighter; he became a volunteer firefighter, and after his graduation from the Austin Community College Fire Academy, his dream became a reality when he was hired by the Killeen Fire Department in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished 15-year career with the department, he carried out his duties courageously, and he expanded his focus beyond firefighting to undertake additional roles in community service; he became a paramedic, earned multiple fire instructor certifications, served on the Honor Guard, and taught at the Killeen Fire Academy; his awards included Dispatcher of the Year in 2012 and 2013 and Firefighter of the Year in 2015; and

WHEREAS, He recognized the unique hazards of firefighting duty, and he became active in the Firefighter Cancer Support Network; he was a member of Vista Community Church, where he served on the Host team; and

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WHEREAS, Patrick was a man of honor, integrity, and determination, and he demonstrated great courage in the face of his illness; he was a source of inspiration to his family and friends, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Patrick Michael Bergman; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Patrick Bergman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate